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E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS, MI

SUBJ: LEBANESE HIJACKERS RELEASED BY MALAWI

REF: BLANTYRE A-66, 9/4/72; BLANTYRE 526, 9/19/72

1. REFERENCES PROVIDED DETAILS OF MAY 24, 1972, ATTEMPTED HIJACKING OF SOUTH AFRICAN AIRWAYS 727 AT BLANTYRE AIRPORT. TWO LEBANESE HIJACKERS, FOUAD HUSSAIN ABU KAMIL AND AJAJ JORGE YAGHI, WERE SENTENCED IN SEPTEMBER 1972 TO A TOTAL OF ELEVEN YEARS IMPRISONMENT, MAXIMUM THEN PERMISSIBLE UNDER MALAWI LAW. GOM CHIEF JUSTICE IN PASSING SENTENCE AND PRESIDENT BANDA IN LATER STATEMENTS STRESSED GOM INTENTION DEAL FIRMLY WITH HIJACKERS AND TERRORISTS. MALAWI BASIC LAW SUBSEQUENTLY WAS AMENDED TO PROVIDE EVEN STIFFER PENALTIES THAN SENTENCES PASSED ABOVE.

2. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED INFORMATION THAT ABOVE TWO LEBANESE HIJACKERS WERE RELEASED ON ORDER OF PRESIDENT BANDA AND DEPORTED O/A JUNE 9. PRECISE REASON FOR RELEASE NOT KNOWN.

3. FROM BRITISH HIGH COMMISSION OFFICER WE UNDERSTAND ABOUT THREE MONTHS AGO REPRESENTATIVE OF OPPENHEIMER GROUP VISITED
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MALAWI SEEKING ASSURANCE FROM PRESIDENT BANDA THAT LEBANESE

WOULD NOT RPT NOT BE RELEASED. REPORTEDLY BANDA AT THAT TIME
AGREED THEY WOULD SERVE FULL SENTENCE. (NOTE: INFORMATION
THIS PARA, ESPECIALLY SOURCE, SHOULD BE STRICTLY PROTECTED.)
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